

PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No. 52194-00002

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-39 have been subjected to an election requirement. In the Office Action, the Examiner finds six allegedly patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: Species A, illustrated in FIGURES 1-5; Species B, illustrated in FIGURES 6A-6B and 7; Species C, illustrated in FIGURE 8A; Species D, illustrated in FIGURE 8B; SPECIES E, illustrated in FIGURE 8C; and Species F, illustrated in FIGURE 8D. The applicant elects without traverse Species B: FIGURES 6A-6B AND 7. It is believed that claims 1-13, and 15-38 are readable thereon.

Applicant is in agreement with the Examiner that claim 34 is generic, readable on each and every species mentioned above. Further, the Examiner is reminded of MPEP 806.04(d), which states:

“Once a claim that is determined to be generic is allowed, all of the claims drawn to species in addition to the elected species which include all limitations of the generic claim will ordinarily be obviously allowable in view of the allowance of the generic claim, since the additional species will depend thereon or otherwise include all of the limitations thereof.”

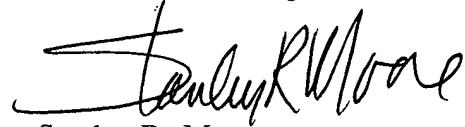
Thus, if claim 34 is allowed, applicant is entitled to further examination of all species. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the thorough reconsideration of this

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application and earnestly solicits an early notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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